

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

New recreation centers are being started in various parts of the state: "plans are under-way for supervised playgrounds at Winchester, Harrisonburg, Charlottesville, and Covington. Winchester is building an enormous stadium in connection with the Handley Memorial Schools; there is also a thirty-acre tract for playground and playfield in connection with the schools."

PLAN FOR EFFECTING AN ORGANIZATION

The method of organizing the type of recreation system which these cities are attempting is given in the following outline:

First: an advance man from the Recreation Association goes to a community on an invitation from members of the community. He interviews some of the chief business men and gets them to promise their support.

Second: when the advance man leaves the community a field organizer comes for a stay of six weeks. He takes a group of people as a nucleus and forms a board of directors of thirty-five or forty people who represent different organizations. He then forms a governing body composed of

1. Five officers of the organization.
2. Four members at large.

The next duty of the organizer is to plan and put on a program or series of entertainments which will interest and entertain the people of the community.

The field organizer also appoints a finance committee which will raise funds for the maintenance of the system by means of

1. Taxation—Some states have laws which provide for levying of funds for recreation. In other states the funds must be voted upon.
2. Subscription—Before the Recreation Association sends directors it must be sure of eight hundred dollars from the community to match the eight hundred which it furnishes. Of course this sixteen hundred dollars is not enough to begin a recreation system, so there must be other funds subscribed.

Third: the playground leader and recreation secretary are the ones who carry on the work of the recreation system; and upon them is thrown the responsibility of bringing about the far reaching effects of a playground. They

come after the advance agents, who are the advance man and the field organizer.

Virginia cities are thus seen to be improving their facilities for public playgrounds, taking such steps as seem to accord with the ideals of a former president of the United States, who said:

"I do not know anything which will contribute more to the strength and morality of that generation of boys and girls compelled to remain part of the urban population in this country than the institution in their cities of playgrounds where their hours of leisure can be occupied by rational and healthful exercise."

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BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPTS TEXTBOOKS FOR STATE SCHOOLS

Following a four-day session during which the State Board of Education met as a committee of the whole for a consideration of the merits of various textbooks offered for state adoption, announcement was made the evening of February 8 that the following list had been adopted. According to Dr. William T. Sanger, secretary of the Board, there will be but few changes in the current price of textbooks. It is to be noted that books which have given reasonable satisfaction have generally been retained.

HIGH SCHOOLS

English—Basal:

- Lewis-Hosie, Practical English; American Book Company.
- Metcalf, English Literature; Johnson Publishing Company.
- Metcalf, American Literature; Johnson Publishing Company.

Social Science—Basal:

- Webster, Early European History; D. C. Heath.
- Webster, Modern European History; D. C. Heath.

Optional—Basal:

- Robinson, Breasted, Smith, General History of Europe; Ginn & Co.

History—Basal:

- Latane, History of the United States; Allyn & Bacon.
- Long, Government and the People; Charles Scribner.
- Towne, Social Problem; Macmillan Co.

Latin—Basal:

Place, Beginning Latin; American Book Company.

Bennett, Latin Grammar; Allyn & Bacon.

Bennett, A New Latin Composition; Allyn & Bacon.

Walker, Caesar; Scott, Foresman.

Knapp, Virgil; Scott, Foresman.

D'Ooge, Cicero; Benjamin H. Sanborn.

French—Basal:

Fraser & Squair, French Grammar (Revised); D. C. Heath. Or Fougerey, Mastery of French, Book 1; Iroquois Publishing Company.

German—Basal:

Bagster-Collins, First Book in German; Macmillan Co. Or Joynes & Wesselhoeft, German Lesson Grammar; Heath & Co.

Spanish—Basal:

Hills & Ford, First Spanish Course; D. C. Heath & Co.

Mathematics—Basal:

Wells & Hart, New High School Algebra; D. C. Heath & Co.

Wells & Hart, Plane and Solid Geometry; D. C. Heath & Co.

Wells & Hart, Plane Geometry; D. C. Heath & Co.

Wells & Hart, Solid Geometry; D. C. Heath & Co.

Robins, Plain Trigonometry; American Book Company.

Science—Basal:

Ritchie, Human Physiology; World Book Company.

Hartman, Laboratory Manual for Human Physiology; World Book Company.

Millikan & Gale, Practical Physics; Ginn & Co.

Manual for Millikan & Gale; Ginn & Co.

Black & Conant, Practical Chemistry; Macmillan Co.

Black, Laboratory Experiments in Chemistry; Macmillan Co.

Peabody & Hunt, Elementary Biology; Macmillan Co.

Dryer, High School Geography; American Book Company.

Clark, Introduction to Science; American Book Company. Or Hessler, Junior Science; Benjamin H. Sanborn Co.

Bookkeeping—Basal:

Williams & Rogers; American Book Company. Or The Twentieth Century; Southwestern Publishing Company.

Commercial Arithmetic—Basal:

Moore & Miner, Business Arithmetic, Revised Edition; Ginn & Co.

HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTARY LIST

English:

Century Handbook of Writing; Century Company. Or Woolley, Handbook of Composition; D. C. Heath & Co.

Jones, Junior High School Writing Vocabulary; Hall & McCreary.

History:

Cheyney, English History; Ginn & Co.

Munford, Virginia's Attitude Towards Slavery and Secession; Williams Printing Company.

HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH CLASSICS

The following series of classics are suggested, as published by American Book Company, Houghton Mifflin Co., Johnson Publishing Company; Macmillan Company.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Reading—Basal:

Child World Primer; Johnson Publishing Company.

Optional—Basal:

Aldine Primer; Newson & Co.

Everyday Classics Primer; Macmillan Company.

The New Howell Primer; Noble & Noble.

Playmates Primer (until July 1, 1924); Johnson Publishing Company.

Basal:

Child World Reader, first to fifth grades, inclusive; Johnson Publishing Company.

New Elson Reader, sixth and seventh grades; Scott, Foresman & Co.

Optional Basal:

Aldine First Reader; Newson & Co.

Graded Classics, grades 1 to 4, inclusive (until July 1, 1924); Johnson Publishing Company.

New Howell First Reader; Noble & Noble.

Spelling—Basal:

New World Speller (extended to July 1, 1924); Work Book Company.

Elementary School Dictionary; American Book Company.

Language and Grammar—Basal:

Emerson & Bender, Book 1; Macmillan Company.

Emerson & Bender, Book 2; Macmillan Company.

(Both extended to July 1, 1925).

History—Basal:

Our Republic; Richmond Press Company.

Wayland, History of Virginia (term of adoption not expired); Macmillan Company.

Civics—Basal:

Hughes, Elementary Community Civics; Allyn & Bacon.

Geography—Basal:

Frye-Atwood, New Geography Book 1; Ginn & Co.

Frye-Atwood, New Geography Book 2; Ginn & Co.

Optional Basal:

Frye, First Course; Ginn & Co.; Frye, Higher; Ginn & Co.

Arithmetic—Basal:

Smith, Modern Primary; Ginn & Co.

Smith, Advanced; Ginn & Co.

Physiology—Basal:

Ritchie, Primer of Hygiene; World Book Company.